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K. Ch. 240314
Beauley, March 4th 1824

Dear and Reverend Sir,

I feel that either the acceptance ~~over~~ or refusal of the offer communicated in your kind letter, to be a matter of the utmost importance. I feel that the honor of the Church and the cause of ~~evangelists~~ Christ are, in a most especial manner, entrusted to the man who becomes a preacher of the gospel in an unenlightened country. Every new step, therefore, that he takes should be a step of Deliberation you will perceive, my Dear Sir, that I wish for a little time to think the matter over seriously. There are a few considerations, ^{also} which induce me to hesitate. I am to leave England, am to accompany the Bishop sometime before I can be ordained.

Human life is uncertain: ~~it is~~ should
I meet with patronage and support in
case of the Bishop's death? There is no
society to look to; and I should not be
^{to meet} permitted, in England, if ill health, age
or any other circumstance, should ever
make ones return to England advisable.

These, Sir, are the suggestions of the
moment. I feel anxious about the
matter, but could wish a determination
to be the work of time.

a personal interview would certainly
be very desirable before anything is
concluded on; but I am sorry to inform
you that my father is unwell, and our
work stands so, at present, that I can
not make arrangements to be in Man-
chester at the time you wish.

Will you be so kind as to inform Mr. Horne
that I will answer his letter as soon as I can
and to give my services to him and Miss Horne.
Begging you to ~~receive~~ accept my hearty

Thanks for the interest you take in
my behalf, I subscribe myself your much
obliged and humble servt

W^H Stokes.

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